

In EAJA actions, the district court has the authority to award reasonable and necessary expenses associated with adjudicating a claim for social security benefits. Kelly v. Bowen, 862 F.2d 1333, 1335 (8th Cir. 1988). The Court finds that Plaintiff is entitled to EAJA fees in the amount of \$3,651.24, payable to the Plaintiff as the prevailing party. Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586, 130 S. Ct. 2521, 2527 (2010) (holding that EAJA fees are payable to the prevailing party

and may be subject to offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt owed to the United States). An appropriate Judgment will accompany this Memorandum and Order.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's Petition for Award of Attorney Fees Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (ECF No. 23) is **GRANTED** in the amount of \$3,651.24.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that said award shall be made payable to the Plaintiff.

/s/ Terry I. Adelman
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated this 30th day of December, 2013.